

OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.

Sugar and Trade.

New York, Sept. 27.—Cuban Centrifugal, 96 degrees, 6 cents; granulated, 61 cents.

The market both locally and in the East shows no great changes. The California Refinery has marked down prices 1 cent, values being based on granulated at 61 cents.

McKinley expects to call up the bill at once and rush it through the House, so that there may be an adjournment by the 1st of October. It is generally conceded that this is the form in which the bill will pass.

A vigorous attack on the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty is being made by the enemies of Blaine's reciprocity schemes, who do not look at the immense advantage which the treaty bestows on American capitalists whose money is invested in island property. The attack became so bitter that Spreckels was drawn into the war by the Philadelphia press, and he expressed his views in the following terms: "We strongly favor reciprocity. We don't think it judgment to give away a valuable market for nothing. As for reciprocity, we know something about it in the case of the Sandwich Islands. It has been of great advantage to this country in that case. The result has been that the leading planters in the Sandwich Islands are American, the product is brought to this country in American ships, the insurance is in American companies, and the trade greatly increases the general business on the Pacific Coast. If reciprocity has this effect in one case, and that a small one, why not in others?"

The imports of rice at San Francisco during August were as follows: From China, 1,977,412 pounds, valued at \$35,150; from Hawaii, 1,311,200 pounds, valued at \$71,265; total, 3,288,612 pounds, valued at \$106,421. The total imports for 1890 up to September 1st amounted to 32,151,219 pounds, valued at \$829,291.

Free Transportation of Mails.

A dispatch from Washington, dated the 26th, says: The House Committee on Postoffice and Post-roads has reported favorably a joint resolution introduced by Representative Bingham of Pennsylvania to authorize the Postmaster-General to transport the Australian closed mail from San Francisco to New York for great Britain at rates reduced or free of cost. It authorizes the Postmaster-General to make such concessions respecting the transportation of such mails as may in his judgment be necessary to secure the cooperation of the Australian Government to continue after next November the direct mail service between San Francisco and Auckland and Sydney, which is now maintained by reason of a subsidy paid jointly by the colonies of New Zealand and New South Wales to the steamship company performing the service, and which will expire by limitation in November next.

It is believed that this bill will pass even if the two shipping bills have to wait over until the next session.

R. J. Creighton, the agent of the New Zealand Government, has not yet abandoned the fight, and in a recent interview said: "The star route service, that is, the mail transportation by railroad and backboard, costs the United States annually \$3,000,000, and the territory gone over in that time is 225,000 miles. The ocean service is paid about \$70,000 a year. This includes China, Australia, South America and all ports in the world to which our steamers sail. The distance covered annually is 19,000,000 miles.

"The Portuguese and the Italians are going in to have their mails carried by their own ships, and have granted large subsidies for shipbuilding, according to mileage and tonnage, with the agreement that the governments can press the vessels into service in case of war. In Italy there are five new fine steamers to be built to ply in the mail service between London, Naples and Palermo. The subsidies amount to 350,000 lire annually. The mail has been and is now being carried by foreign vessels. The United States should emulate the examples of these countries and encourage shipbuilding by subsidizing the builders."

A 2000-ton Steamer Coming.

Messrs. Livingstone, Clarke & Co. have bought a steamer of 2,000 tons which is to ply between this city, San Diego, Hilo and Honolulu in place of the Farallon. This new steamer is now at New York, and she will be here in about two months.

Mr. Clarke states that he is perfectly satisfied with the returns from the venture in placing the Farallon in the Hawaiian trade, and if trade warrants it, she and the new steamer will both remain on the line. He says that he has assurance of hearty and continuous support from the planters who are not affiliated with Spreckels.

For the present the freight business only will be fostered, but when the new steamer arrives a bid will be made for the passenger service as well.

Panama Canal.

U. J. Dix, Jr., cashier of the Panama Railroad and recently acting manager of the company, has just arrived in the city. He says that the prospects for resumption on the canal under the new contract with the Colombian Government, are excellent.

San Francisco News.

The Central Pacific Company has added a dining-car service to all its lines.

It has been discovered that Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, widow of the late General John C. Fremont, and daughter of the late Senator Thos. H. Benton, has been living in comparative want in Los Angeles. A relief subscription has been started, and Congress has given her a pension of \$2000 a year.

An immense field of coal, owned by Flood and Mackey, has been discovered in Mendocino county, 150 miles from San Francisco.

Samuel Goldberg was shot and killed by Millie Panhorst, a girl of 20, in her house, on the 20th inst. He wanted to marry her, and she objected.

J. M. McDonald has been nominated for Mayor by the anti-Buckley Democrats.

Rain fell in most parts of the State on the 24th, and the grape and raisin crop is jeopardized in consequence.

The University Regents have given up the idea of moving the remains of James Lick from under the great telescope at Mount Hamilton.

A sensational story is afloat to the effect that Senator Stanford is to retire from the Southern Pacific Company and join the Vanderbilts and the Union Pacific in building a competing road into California. It has been denied by everyone except Senator Stanford.

Captain J. W. Smith has finally organized his ferry company, which is to be run between Oakland and San Francisco in connection with the California and Nevada Railroad. The company is known as the Pacific Development and Improvement Company, and J. W. Smith is President, C. King Secretary, and Abner Doble Treasurer. The capital stock will be offered to the citizens of Oakland very shortly.

American News.

C. C. Stevenson, Governor of Nevada, died at Carson City, on the 21st, aged 64 years.

Two Knights of Labor, named Cane and Baell, have been arrested for attempting to wreck New York Central trains during the great strike. They have confessed and implicated Master Workman Lee.

Burchell, the murderer of Benwell, is on trial at Woodstock, Ont. The evidence against him thus far is very strong. His wife has not been indicted though her case was considered by a Canadian grand jury.

Six shocks of earthquake were felt at Columbus, S. C., on the 23rd inst.

The shipping bills, both mail subsidy and for bounty, have not been passed by the House, it being impossible to get a quorum.

President Willford Woodruff, of the Mormon Church, has issued a manifesto to the Mormon people on the polygamy question, reviewing it in its relations to the laws. The manifesto concludes with the following sentence: "I now publicly declare that my advice to the Latter Day Saints is to refrain from contracting any marriage forbidden by the law of the land."

W. D. Howells, the novelist has come to the defense of Tolstoy's "Kreutzer Sonata," the sale of which has been forbidden by the Czar of Russia, and which has been forbidden transportation through the mails by Postmaster-General Wanamaker.

Foreign News.

A cablegram from Constantinople states that the Sultan is greatly agitated over the existence of a revolutionary movement to reform the Turkish Government. The revolutionists are working beyond the reach of the Sultan, and are said to be exciting a great deal of feeling. Their demands are for a reduction of the Sultan's budgets, honest administration in all departments, and common justice to every subject of the Porte, to the end that the Ottoman Empire may be saved from threatened dissolution.

Emperor William will go to Styria with Emperor Francis Joseph for a few days' shooting in the fine part of October. Press dispatches indicate that a family quarrel between these autocrats, and the Czar may precipitate a war which will be for the purpose of making marked changes in the map of Europe. Russia wants to get into the Balkan Peninsula, and proposes to do so while Germany and Austria will make it their business to keep the Czar out of that territory.

The riotous strikers in Sydney, N. S. W., were fined heavily, and given severe imprisonments for their infractions of the law.

In Calais eighty tulle manufacturers have locked out 5000 employees who demanded higher wages.

The critics of Emperor William say that at the recent military maneuvers he displayed military genius of the very highest promise.

Shareholders of the Cape of Good Hope Bank are under reserve liability to pay thrice the amount actually called. The liabilities of the bank amount to £3,250,000, due mainly to customers.

On September 23d three-fourths of Colon (Aspinwall) was reduced to ashes. About 150 buildings were destroyed, and ninety car-loads of freight in transit. During the fire there was a riot, which was quelled by the military, who killed and wounded several persons. The buildings destroyed included the Post-office, Supreme Court, Alcaid, Municipal Prefecture, agencies of all the steamship companies, except the French company, the Pacific Mail and Royal Mail offices and part of the wharf, every business of importance on Front street and all the hotels.

Bismarck announces that he will be in attendance in the Reichstag during the coming winter, as he has no intention to "live like a bear, to sleep and lick his paws."

The German Government has successfully tested a quick-firing rifle, which easily fires fifty shots per minute.

During the past week the Irish leaders, John Dillon and William O'Brien have been arrested by the British Government at the instigation of Balfour. The English policy, with regard to Ireland, is now declared to be one of rule or ruin, and it was said that prominent Tories very strongly object to this renewal of coercive measures.

Michael Davitt has begun the publication in his paper, the Labor World, of his series of disclosures to the effect that the fabric of political events which began with the dynamite explosions at the houses of Parliament, the Nelson column in Trafalgar Square, and the underground railway some years ago, and ended with the Parnell Commission, was the result of a deep-laid conspiracy on the part of the British Government to destroy Parnell and his movement together.

A sensational account of an attempt to assassinate President Diaz of Mexico on the 25th has been pronounced a hoax.

Sporting.

Joe McAuliffe and Slavin, the Australian, were arrested the day before the 25th inst., the day set for the fight, and their public match was declared off. They met before the Ormonde Club in private at daybreak on the 27th, and McAuliffe was easily knocked out in two rounds. Slavin proved himself in every way the better man.

John L. Sullivan as an actor appears to be the same old tough that he was as a pugilist. His latest effort was to get drunk and make a scene in the Hoffman House bar-room, New York. He wanted to "lick the whole houseful," but his ambition was not gratified.

Nelson lowered the trotting stallion record at Kankakee, Ill., on the 26th, going the mile in 2:11. At the same time Faustin reduced the two year old stallion record to 2:23.

Shipping News.

The British ship Ventura, hence August 6th, for Ireland, was towed into port during the past week in a badly damaged condition. Capt. Lilla reports that while 1,000 miles off the Mexican coast, his ship encountered a hurricane which swept the decks clear, carried away iron bulwarks and threw her on her beam ends. The sea made a clean breach of the vessel for several hours, but she was righted by jettisoning the cargo. The escape of the Ventura is regarded as miraculous. The British ship Queen Victoria was also disabled in the same storm and returned to this port for repairs. The underwriters are very much alarmed over the fact that five ships that were in those latitudes at the time of the hurricane are now overdue.

Among the passengers of the Alameda on her last trip was Alfred Josephs, the famous Australian bookmaker. He made many friends here and received a great ovation on his departure by the sporting men of San Francisco.

The steamships City of New York and the Teutonic, which left New York thirty minutes apart, touched at Liverpool only thirty-five minutes apart, the difference in their running time across the Atlantic being only five minutes.

The captain of the sealing schooner Maggie Mack reports that on August 19 while in the Behring Sea his boats attacked a very large sperm whale, which returned the compliment by smashing two boats, killing two men and breaking the legs of another.

The missionary schooner Matthew Turner has sailed for the Caroline Islands. She took quite a number of passengers.

The ship Henry Villard from New York to Puget Sound has put in to Valparaiso in a damaged condition.

They are rushed with work at the Union Iron Works.

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